



Atty. Docket No. S-8450 (1502-71CIP)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): Ferguson et al.

EXAMINER: C.S. Williams

SERIAL NO.: 09/892,593

GROUP: Art Unit 3763

FILED: June 27, 2001

DATED: October 14, 2005

FOR: **SAFETY SHIELD FOR MEDICAL NEEDLES**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

For	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate (Small Entity)	Addit. Fee	Rate	Addit. Fee
TOTAL CLAIMS*	30	93	0	x 25 =	\$0	x 50 =	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	5	0	X 100 =	\$0	x 200 =	\$0
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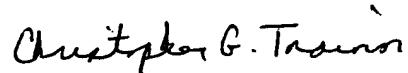
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed May 19, 2005, for which a two month extension of time has been requested, please amend this application as follows:

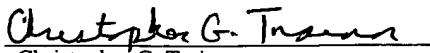
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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